

GOVERNOR'S DRINKING WATER STAKEHOLDER GROUP

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From: Drinking Water Stakeholder Group members

Subject: Report of the Drinking Water Stakeholder Group on New and Expanded Funding Sources

The Drinking Water Stakeholder Group (DWSG) is pleased to provide this report which summarizes the process and discussion regarding New and Expanded Funding Sources to address the needs of disadvantaged communities in unincorporated areas that do not have safe drinking water.

Over the past year, the DWSG has worked to examine components of O&M and the existing and new funding sources that could be considered. This particular Report focuses on exploring opportunities and actions to maximize solutions by creating efficiencies, and building institutional capacity to address operations and maintenance and other sustainability and affordability challenges through shared solutions.

The Report examines a number of new funding sources, including those identified in the February, 2013 SWRCB Report to the Legislature, *Recommendations Addressing Nitrate in Groundwater*, and discusses points of agreement as well as issues and concerns for each.

The Report also offers two Promising Options/Actions that could advance drinking water solutions – (1) implementation of a Transitional Funding Program; and (2) Coordination of Disadvantaged Community Representation.

The participating state agencies continue to be extremely helpful and supportive throughout this process and we would not have been able to accomplish as much as we did without their considerable efforts.

We thank you for the opportunity to be involved in this significant and diverse group of interests working towards preparing the opportunities described in this Report. We stand ready to assist you further in whatever capacity you deem appropriate to develop and implement safe drinking water solutions for these communities.

Sincerely,

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